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Athletic Association

The Second Annual Convention of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States was held at the Murray Hill Hotel in New York City on December 28th.

Prof. R. U. Sherman, president of the Athletic Association, represented the college and was favorably impressed with the work of the organization.

The day was divided into two sessions, the morning being devoted to matters of a literary nature, while the discussion and transaction of business was reserved for the afternoon session.

The order of exercises follows :

MORNING SESSION

1. Calling of the roll of delegates.
2. Address of the President, Captain Palmer E. Pierce, U.S.A. Subject —" The Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States : Its Origin, Growth and Function." Discussion.
3. Address by Prof. James F. Kemp of Columbia University. Subject— "The Function of Athletics in College and University Life." Discussion, opened by Prof. H. D. Wild of Williams College.
4. Address by Dr. Luther H. Gulick, Director of Physical Training in the Public Schools of New York City. Subject—" Amateurism." Discussion, opened by Prof. C. W. Hetherington of the University of Wisconsin.
5. Address by Prof. Paul C. Phillips of Amherst College. Subject— "Intercollegiate Athletic Schedules." Discussion, opened by Prof. Louis Bevier, Jr., of Rutgers College.
6. Appointment of a Committee on Credentials.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1. Report of the Committee on Credentials.
2. Reading of the minutes of the last convention.
3. Appointment of the Committee on Nominations.
4. Reports—

(*a*) Of Representatives of Districts.
(*b*) Of the Basketball Committee.
(*c*) Of the Committee to secure the membership of the larger Universities.
(*d*) Of the Football Rules Committee.
(*e*) Of the Summer Baseball Committee.

5. Miscellaneous business.
6. Election of Officers and Committees.
7. Adjournment.

The Association was organized a couple of years ago by the co-operation of some sixty-five institutions. The object was to regulate and supervise athletics throughout the United States in Colleges and Universities in order that they may be maintained on an ethical plane, in keeping with the dignity and high purpose of education.

It is now hoped that a union may be effected with the Western Conference, an athletic association which has great power, and under which all the games between the big Universities of the West are played. Should this be accomplished all college athletics, with the exception of a few of the larger Universities, would be conducted under one management.

The Football Rules Committee has been instructed to communicate with the representatives of Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Annapolis and Chicago Universities, the committee that formed the Football Rules Committee last year. They will propose that the committees be amalgamated into one which shall formulate rules under which football shall be played for 1908. If this amalgamation is not accomplished then the above named committee shall proceed to formulate rules under which football shall be played by the institutions in the association.

The chairman of the committee made the statement that the forward pass would probably remain unaltered next season.

Hamilton by joining the Association this year has certainly taken a step in advance and by keeping abreast of the times will be benefited by the protection and co-operation of the Association.

The Locke Fellowship

In the last issue of the Record, President Stryker voices an appeal which is fast becoming general in the most far-sighted colleges; an appeal that Greek may maintain its position as an educational factor of the first importance. There is at present a rather prevalent sentiment which tends to shove Greek aside and to make light of the importance of an A. B. degree. President Stryker's efforts have met with instant success, for it was an advance sheet of the article which led Franklin Day Locke, '64, LL. D., to make his timely offer. The eager and thankful acceptance of this offer has resulted in the foundation of our second fellowship. The first award of this in the department of Greek will be made in the Class of 1909. The terms are similar to those of the Root fellowship in Physical Science, providing the appointee with a year of graduate study in the sum of $500. The fellowship will not only prove a great aid in retaining a successful course of Greek in the curriculum of the college but it will doubtless give rise to the foundation of two more very necessary fellowships, one in Latin and one in Philosophy.

Prof. Ibbotson Lectures

On Monday afternoon, January 6, Prof. J. D. Ibbotson delivered the third of his series of lectures on the English Poets of the Nineteenth Century. The lectures are being given under the auspices of the Utica Teachers' Association, and Monday's lecture dealt with the "Interpretation of Nature in the Poetry of the Victorian Age." The writers discussed by Prof. Ibbotson were Browning, Tennyson and Arnold, whom he treated individually and in comparison with each other.

The lecturer spoke first of the influence of the progress of natural science in the nature poetry of the Victorian age. The scientist not only contributed to the training of the artistic power of observation, but he disclosed certain classes of objects in nature which the artist had usually ignored, and thereby he modified the artists' interpretation of nature. The poets saw the beauty of nature, but were blind to its ugliness; they saw the gentleness of nature, but were blind to its cruelty. A later day brought a clearer understanding of the remorseless understanding of the natural law. To Byron and Wordsworth the voice of the sea is the chosen music of liberty; to Arnold's ear it brings "the eternal note of sadness in."

In the interval between 1790 and 1850 the scientist had spoken. The spiritual anguish of those decades of transition reveals itself in the poetry of the Mid-Victorian time and especially in the work of Arnold and Tennyson. Tennyson is impressed with the underlying processes of nature, and sees what Wordsworth failed to see, its cruelty. Wordsworth's view is mystical. In Browning's verse nature will be treated, if treated at all, as a background for the human scene, as illustrating character or in its relation to man.

In contrasting Arnold and Browning, Prof. Ibbotson said, "Here we find in place of vigor, energy and eagerness for good fighting, reticence, a timid dislike of noise and restlessness and a craving for tranquility; instead of the optimistic resistance of the older poet, a stoical resignation; instead of confident faith, painful and pleading doubt; instead of the sense of companionship with mankind, a sense of isolation from mankind.

And now people say, 'When will a new poet come to discover something in nature yet unseen, or find a new meaning? A new poet who will bring eyes and ears and heart and an imagination, temperament and personality; who will mix his observation with brains and again thrill or awe the great English race?'"

Prof. Ibbotson's series of lectures are growing most interesting and delightful, and the one of last Monday was no exception. The next lecture of the series will be delivered on January 20.

Prof. Davenport's Fourth Lecture

Prof. Davenport delivered the fourth in the series of lectures on "The Railway as a Political Problem" before the New Century Club in the Auditorium Tuesday night, his subject being, "The Railways and the Trusts." In opening he said he had no apology to offer for the discussion of railway abuses in the midst of the evident minor industrial depression which has overtaken the country. Not only have these railway abuses been a contributing cause of the reaction which is now upon us, but they need particular emphasis at a time when so many people, for the most part thoughtlessly, but in many instances maliciously, are attempting to discredit the whole policy of governmental control of certain lawless and predatory corporations.

Prof. Davenport advised his audience, if they had not already read it, to procure and read with care the speech of Secretary Taft before the Merchants' Association of Boston, which appeared in full in the Press of December 31. He said that he had seen here and there a covert sneer to the effect that the speech was of no particular importance, as it spoke not the secretary's mind, but simply that of the President. Prof. Davenport said that this critical view was that of a prevalent political dilettantism of the New York Evening Post stripe, which professes to be exceedingly independent and intelligent and righteous, but which is only cantankerous and puerile. As a matter of fact the secretary's speech is the finest popular economic and political analysis of the panic which has appeared since the depression began, and is also a dignified and well merited rebuke to the political skulkers who are just now taking advantage of depressed business conditions to discredit the great remedial work for the Nation which has recently been accomplished by men like President Roosevelt and Governor Hughes.

Prof. Davenport then went on to discuss the numerous instances of injustice and disregard for human rights that developed in America during the railway era, laying particular emphasis upon the relation of the railways and the great industrial trusts. He said of the railways that they had not carried for all on equitable terms as a public corporation should. They have discriminated between man and man. They have bowed in cringing subserviency before the shrewd and militant magnates of the trusts. They have granted unjustly discriminating rates for the carriage of the commodities of persistent and powerful shippers over the iron highways and have thus practically chosen who shall use those highways and who shall be favored and wealthy in democratic America. In a country politically free they have set unnumbered individuals in economic and industrial bondage through these special privileges granted to the great and the powerful. They have entered into a gigantic league against the freedom of trade and commerce. They have been both the father and the mother of several of our most powerful trusts. They have frequently exhibited an arrogant autocracy and devil-may-care supremacy which has flung itself into a violent rage when that autocracy and supremacy have been questioned by brave men or by a

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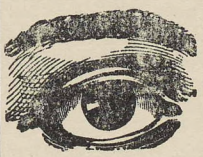

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THE CURRENT ISSUE of the Record brings to light another occasion for thankfulness — another fellowship, in Greek. The foundation seems as wise as it is generous. Aside from the desirable stimulus it will lend to the pursuit of that language, the gift is most notably a step in the proper direction for forwarding Hamilton. It has long been a patent fact that men have been lost to us through the superiority of some other institution in point of scholarships and fellowships. It is not that we have not a goodly quantity of such, but that others have more. We have a difficult field of heavily endowed institutions to compete with. No college could be more loyally or more materially supported by her sons than is ours, but is there not here suggested a way by which yet another expression of affection for the "Old Lady on the Hill" is possible? Next.

LIFE IS PLEASED TO NOTE a little active work along the lines of advertising the College and its benefits and advantages. Lately there has come to our notice an advertisement of the College in a high school paper. That this policy should be further carried out and extended to many high school publications in this and even other states, is the continued assertion of this paper. We firmly believe, and have not hesitated to declare, that more general advertising of the College would, without doubt, bring commensurate returns and would repay over and over again the expense involved.

We must go forward. The argument that we should put forth no effort to increase our numbers will hold no water. Resting calmly content with our present condition would eventually mean stagnation and decay, and the dying out of Hamilton in fact and name. The best interests of the College, then, demand that it grow and extend its influence as far as possible.

To this end it is desirable, and even necessary, that both faculty and students contribute to the extending of Hamilton's name and influence. Hamilton professors have lately been much in the public eye, and for this LIFE rejoices. The undergraduates themselves have an important part to play in making Hamilton better known to high school students. In this work the various College organizations, the Athletic teams and the Musical clubs, have much to do. But Hamilton men ought to exert their influence as much as possible in their own communities for the futherance of Hamilton interests. Here they may become a very real factor in securing men for Hamilton. Talk Hamilton as much as you can! Your home community is a field which is peculiarly suited to you. As has been suggested before this year, we have a good place here and want more men to fill it. Therefore it is for each and every one of us to personally conduct an advertising campaign in the interests of Hamilton. Let us see to it that no one neglects this common duty, for we want the centennial class to be the "biggest and best" ever.

IT IS IN NO SENSE the intention of LIFE to frown upon or discourage class spirit and its proper display. But in the recent contest between the two under classes for the possession and decoration of each others suit-cases we believe that class spirit was carried to excess. No one could or would object to decoration of suit-cases with posters; but, when these same posters are covered with two or three coats of varnish or shellac, we think that some protest should very properly be made. The posters in themselves do no harm but the coats of shellac greatly injure the suit-case for the owner's further use. We do not believe that this is a malicious practice but that it arises from thoughtlessness. As in other matters, moderation ought to be exercised and the suit-cases left unvarnished.

The Herkimer Concert

The Glee and Instrumental Clubs will appear for the first time this term, in Herkimer, next Friday evening. Both clubs are practicing daily and several new "stunts" have been introduced, which will make the already excellent program more interesting. The "Tutti Frutti" which is receiving the finishing touches from the hand of the composer bids fair to eclipse anything that has ever been written for our use.

A joint concert is being planned, with the Syracuse clubs, to be held in Syracuse during February, and although this is not a sure proposition, as yet, the conditions are very favorable.

The usual northern trip, including three of the principal towns in northern New York is assured. About twenty-five propositions are being considered by the management, so we can safely say that the full complement of concerts will be given. The details of the Easter trip have not all been completed, but will be published in the near future.

Owing to some throat trouble Mr. Sicard will not be able to sing either on the quartette or club. Spencer, '09, has been substituted for him on the quartette, while Rudd, '09, will fill his place on the Glee Club. Judson, '08, has also been taken on to fill the position of Stone, '10.

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sovereign people. This is the chief animus of the current attack upon Mr. Roosevelt. Lawless and powerful aggregations have found at last in him a man who could neither be cajoled nor bribed nor hoodwinked, and the defiance which he has flung in their teeth has been the death warrant of special privilege and industrial injustice throughout the Nation.

Faculty Lectures

At the recent meeting of the Teachers' Institute, held in Waterville, Hamilton furnished a number of instructors. The Institute was conducted by Prof. Hull, of Clinton. The lectures in part follow.

"It was with sincere regret that Dr. Squires' class in history listened to his closing lecture. A week more of his inspiring presence would have been welcomed by all his auditors. His closing lectures were on the "State," "Crime," "Provincialism" and the "Philosophy of History." Some of the thoughts might be briefly summed up as follows: The state is the majority of the people and democracy is the expression of the majority. With regard to the treatment of crime today, we are shifting from heredity to the basis of environment. Exemplary punishment is the source of anarchy. Children treasure up vengeance for punishment inflicted on them, likewise the criminal. The majority, i. e., the state, i. e., we, says one must not kill, and yet it kills, and prides itself on the scientific way in which it does it. Crime is misapprehension, ignorance. Educate the criminal and give him a chance. They are coming to this at Auburn prison; Greek, Latin, mathematics, engineering are taught there.

Dr. Miller, of Hamilton College, spoke on "Geology and Geography." Few teachers have the art of putting difficult subjects into every-day language, but Dr. Miller has that art. What some geologists take pages of unintelligible language to set forth, Dr. Miller will state in a brief but astonishingly vivid manner.

Dr. Morrill completed his course on "Biology and Nature Study." He emphasized the importance of nature study in the schools, and showed how it is possible for teachers to interest the scholars in nature.

Friday morning Prof. Babcock, of Hamilton College, spoke on "Forests and Forestry," and Conductor Hull on some "Deductions and Conclusions."

We are glad to hear that the efforts of the members of our faculty were appreciated to such an extent, since all this adds to Hamilton's reputation.

The January "Lit."

In the first place, let us commend the more than promptness with which the January "Lit." appeared; this promptness is a very acceptable innovation. And now to the contents. The prose is excellent. Robert Wicks' Masters' Oration is one of the best ever delivered, and contains much food for thought. In merely reading it you cannot appreciate it. You should have heard Wicks speak it! The story by Wisehart, '11, is an agreeable surprise. Its faults are the casual ones of inexperience: Wisehart should be given all encouragement to write more. Welch, '09, makes another contribution to the Hamilton College Literary Menagerie, this time a dog. The story is interesting and well written, and we confess ourselves too ignorant to bring charges of nature-faking. Prof. Shepard has added another memoir of the Hamilton of the Nineties. These reminiscent articles are charming; let's have more of them.

The poetry of both Truax, '09, and Dounce, '10, is good in its kind, and the latter's Campus Odes treat of subjects we know by intimate contact, but these classical poems, sonnet and ode, are at most stiff and formal. It takes an artist of high ability and extensive experience to hide the weakness of these verse forms. While we agree with Woollcott, '09, that his pun *is* rather sad, his little stanza is piquant and cleverly executed. The poem by Williams, '08, breathes an idea, a thought which is just now taking hold upon his reluctant classmates, the knowledge that they too must go.

The editorial section is devoted to still another rehash of the late lamented Utica concert. Two reviews in LIFE and another in Lit. of a far from extraordinary concert! Let the poor thing rest in peace. We cordially agree with our "distinguished contemporary" on the inadvisability of holding the musical club concert in conjunction with Sophomore Hop. The College Scrap-Book and the Hill Notes are unusually attractive. The Alumniana is extensive and the Necrology, thank God, small.

— President G. Stanley Hall, of Clark University, recently delivered an address before the Iowa State Teachers' Association at Des Moines, in which he made the remarkable statement that we have too many women teachers and that the American schools are becoming "effeminized." "The time has come," said President Hall, "for a movement for men's rights. For nearly thirty years we have had a war for women's rights and now the pendulum has swung too far. This is an age of over-feminization, especially in the schools. Men should be principals with men under them."

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COLLEGE NOTES

— The basketball court has been remarked.

— A Survey and map of the College sewerage system was made Tuesday.

— Bryant, '09, Morgan and C. E. Babcock, ex-'08, have reentered College in the Class of 1909.

— Next Wednesday night the Junior Whist Club will be entertained by the Juniors of Psi Upsilon.

— The contract for printing the Hamiltonian has been let to George William Browning, of Clinton.

— All those wishing back numbers of LIFE can obtain them by applying to the Business Manager, Butler, '09.

— President Stryker has announced the engagement of his daughter Evelyn to A. H. Holley,'08, of La Crosse, Wis.

— Basketball tickets for the season may be obtained for $1.00 from the managers and the candidates for assistant manager.

— Colson, '87, Roberts, '94, Thompson, '00, Stryker and Bloyer, '06, and Love, '07, have been on the Hill recently.

— The pictures of athletic teams, which were formerly in the Gym., have been removed to the trophy room in Commons.

— Burns, '10, will give a theatre party in Utica Saturday night to the three men who were out for football assistant-managership this year.

— On Jan. 17th, Prof. Babcock will address the Central New York Farmers' Club on "Forests and Forestry." He will speak at Carnwath Hall in Utica.

— The Musical Clubs will give a concert in Herkimer, Jan. 17th. A Herkimer paper announced that fifty men will be seen in the Opera House at that time.

— Junior pictures for the Hamiltonian are to be taken in Lewis' Studio in Utica before Feb. 1st. For the best results sittings should be made in the early afternoon.

— At the close of last term, Dr. Stryker presented each member of the Senior and Junior Classes with a volume containing his Baccalaureate sermons from 1893 to 1905.

— Until further notice, the Musical Clubs will hold their practices in the Y. M. C. A. as follows: Glee Club— Tuesdays at 4:30, Thursdays at 4:15 and Fridays at 7:30. Instrumental Club — Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays at 5.

— The following have been posted as eligible to write for K. P; Adams, Allen, Anibal, Bate, Beck, Fitch, Fraser, Greengard, Henderson, H. K. Holley, Judson, Laird, Newton, Pratt, Simmons, H. W. Smith, Weekes, White, Williams, '08,

— The Dramatic Club under its new organization has adopted the name of the "Charlatans." In Junior week they will give the new play "Arabian Nights" which will be preceded by a one-act farce in the caste of which will be three Sophomores.

— The basketball game last night between Union and Hamilton resulted as follows: Hamilton 44, Union 17.

ALUMNIANA

'71. Dr. Charles Augustus Young, for many years Professor of Astronomy at Princeton University and one of the foremost astronomers of the present day, died on January 2nd at Hanover, N. H. In speaking of his death the Princetonian says: "Dr. Young was born in 1834 and was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1853. For nine years he was Professor of Astronomy and Natural Philosophy at Western Reserve College, later at Dartmouth and finally at Princeton. He served in 1862 as Captain in the Eighty-fifth regiment of Ohio Volunteers. In June, 1871, he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Hamilton College.

Dr. Young was exceptionally well known as an astronomer and specialist in solar physics. He made several important discoveries and was the author of several works on astronomy.

'04. Rev. Robert Wicks is now assistant pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of New York and is actively interested in the "Big Brother" movement, which has been successfully inaugurated in that city.

'07. Barrows has successfully passed the examination for appointment as lieutenant in the U. S. Army.

Interclass Basketball

The following is the schedule for interclass basketball games. All players are eligible for these games.

THURSDAY, JAN. 16th,
Soph — Freshmen,
Senior — Junior.

MONDAY, JAN. 27th,
Junior — Soph,
Senior — Freshmen.

MONDAY, FEB. 3rd.
Senior — Soph,
Junior — Freshmen.

Freshman Banquet

On the evening of "dink" day, the class of 1911 ushered in the new term by holding their banquet at the Hotel Warner, in Syracuse. The affair was a complete success, the Sophomores learning of it only upon the morning of the third. Many of the men were unable to get back in time to attend, but the twenty-nine who gathered in the private dining room of the hotel at 9 o'clock were amply repaid for their exertions with a most enjoyable time. The tastefully decorated tables were arranged in the form of a T, the officers of the class sitting at the small head table.

After the delicious repast, President Sidle, acting as toastmaster, called for the following responses:

The Spirit of 1911, . . E. H. Jones
The Sophomores, . R. B. Mitchell
Athletics, ... R. B. Colson
The "Bohners," . . W. A. Bell
The Faculty, . . . G. O. Riley
Scientific Gastronomics, R. A. Getman
Hamilton, ... C. E. Anibal

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